

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

A process for removing trioxane from a use stream I of formaldehyde, trioxane and water, by

- a) providing a use stream I ~~which includes~~ of formaldehyde as the main component and trioxane and water as the secondary components,
- b) mixing the use stream I with a recycle stream VII ~~which includes trioxane as the main component and formaldehyde and water as the secondary components~~ to obtain a feed stream Ia ~~which includes formaldehyde as the main component and trioxane and water as the secondary components,~~
- c) distilling the use stream Ia in a first distillation stage ~~at a pressure of from 0.1 to 2.5 bar~~ to obtain a stream II ~~which includes~~ of formaldehyde as the main component and water as the secondary component, and a stream III ~~which includes~~ of trioxane as the main component and water and formaldehyde as the secondary components,
- d) distilling the stream III, ~~optionally after removing low boilers from the stream III in a low boiler removal stage,~~ in a second distillation stage ~~at a pressure of from 0.2 to 17.5 bar,~~ the having a ~~pressure in the second distillation stage being from 0.1 to 15 bar~~ higher than the pressure in the first distillation stage, to obtain a stream IV of trioxane and a stream V ~~which includes~~ of trioxane as the main component and water and formaldehyde as the secondary components,
- e) ~~optionally mixing the stream V with a stream IX which includes water as the main component to obtain a stream Va having a higher water content than the stream V, the stream Va~~

~~including trioxane as the main component and water and formaldehyde as the secondary components,~~

f) ~~e)~~ distilling the stream V ~~or Va~~ in a third distillation stage at a pressure of from 1 to 10 bar to obtain a stream VI of water and the recycle stream VII ~~which includes~~ of trioxane as the main component and water and formaldehyde as the secondary components.